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## Rep. Steny Hoyer Meets Mayors To Discuss Funding Local Projects

by James Giese

On Friday, January 30 the City of Greenbelt hosted a box luncheon for mayors of towns and cities within the Fifth Congressional District, the district represented by Steny Hoyer, majority leader of the House of Representatives. The purpose was to hear Hoyer's presentation on the anticipated impact upon municipalities of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan just approved by the U. S. House of Representatives.

Also present were Maryland Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown and Maryland Secretary of Transportation John Porcari. Approximately 25 mayors were present.

Mayor Judith Davis chaired the meeting. In welcoming Hoyer she noted that Greenbelt was an early "shovel-ready" project built by the Franklin Roosevelt Administration as an effort, in part, to provide employment to building tradesmen. She noted that the first thing to be built was the dam for Greenbelt Lake while plans for the community itself still were being prepared. Much of the work had been done with shovels and other hand tools.

Hoyer agreed that building Greenbelt was the kind of public project needed to deal with the Depression of the 1930s and again now with the current economic problems. How-



PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

**Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis hosted a meeting with Rep. Steny Hoyer to learn about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan. Pictured from left are Davis, Hoyer and Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown.**

ever, he expected the response to deal with today's problems to be quicker and help turn the economic situation around more rapidly.

Hoyer noted that Monday's paper had reported planned layoffs of 65,000 jobs. It's as if "the entire population of Bowie lost jobs in one day," he said. "That is the reason for acting swiftly to confront the problem."

By passing the emergency relief plan, he said, the House had approved the largest appropriation ever made, \$825 billion. Hoyer distributed a report by the United States Conference of Mayors outlining the numerous money authorizations directed toward

funding programs benefiting local cities and towns. He particularly noted the money allocated to help small businesses keep employees, for nutritional programs, for helping states pay Medicaid costs, for school construction, for persons with disabilities and to invest in infrastructure.

The House had made sure that not all funds will go to state governments, he said; some will go directly to municipalities. Hoyer said it would be hard to find a large number of projects that can be accomplished to utilize the relief funds within 18 months. He noted that the monies were not

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## City Council Is Briefed on New GAIL Backpack to Health Program

by Thomas X. White

Greenbelt's Community Resource Advocate Crystal Batey took advantage of a light city council agenda for the January 26 meeting and presented a report on a new Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program. Developed in response to a health needs assessment done by the Bowie State University School of Nursing and the University of Maryland's School of Social Work, the new program is called the Backpack to Health Initiative. It will begin in March with regular visits by the Governor's Wellmobile to the Springhill Lake Elementary School.

The free services to uninsured Greenbelt residents will take place on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. They will include physical exams, well women check-ups and non-emergency medical services. Participating residents will be able to schedule appointments via a toll free phone number.

The Backpack to Health initiative is a year-long campaign to

provide health information, resources and screening for families with children in the Springhill Lake Elementary School and the surrounding community. A key part of the program will be dissemination of information by means of the schoolchildren's backpacks.

These will include health-related information targeted toward areas that were identified in the needs assessment, dates for free health screenings, distribution of free produce, recreational offerings, classes and other resources. The backpack information program will start in February with information in both English and Spanish.

GAIL has identified an impressive list of community partners who will be supporting or participating in the program: Washington Adventist and Prince George's County Hospitals, Bowie State School of Nursing; Prince George's County Health Department; Women, Infants and Children Program; Family Tree; Priority Partners MCO; Com-

munity Crisis Services and others. Priority Partners MCO has teamed with the Capital Area Food Bank to distribute free produce for up to 150 Springhill Lake Elementary families planned for in mid-February.

Staffing of the initiative will be provided by a Bowie State School of Nursing intern along with other Bowie State, Howard and University of Maryland Schools of Social Work interns. The new program will also blend into the annual Health and Wellness Fair that GAIL sponsors every October.

The mayor and council expressed their appreciation for the efforts that Christal Batey and other GAIL staff had put into development of this new program. Council noted the track record initiated by her team for previous innovative programs. City Manager Michael McLaughlin noted as well that the program is budget-neutral and will be funded by existing allocations and support from the outside partners.

## Council Considers Election Reform, Transportation Plan

by Thomas X. White

At its January 26 meeting the Greenbelt City Council issued a statement on the changes to the city election process which resulted in a citizen raising questions, entered into discussion with staff concerning a statement on city opposition to the Highway Administration Transportation Plan as it relates to Kenilworth Avenue, supported legislation to eliminate funding for the Inter-county Connector and supported a bill on use of Program Open Space Funds.

### City Elections

As reported in last week's News Review, at the beginning of the January 26 council meeting, the mayor had read a prepared statement providing a report on council activities on the subject of requests for changes to the electoral process for the Greenbelt City Council made by the Maryland Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Prince George's County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Following the reading of the three-page statement and the council announcement that three public hearings will be scheduled during February to provide information and seek the opinions of Greenbelt residents regarding specific recommendations made by council, two people were recognized for questions or comments on the topic.

David Lange, who spoke first, commended council for the recommendations in the statement and for the focus on approaches to increase voter participation. William Orleans, noting that he had just seen the statement for the first time that evening, noted that he was not satisfied with council's recommendation number four, which states that council "is not recommending that the City switch to a district represented system for selection of City Council members. We believe that this is too drastic a step."

Here a bit of a contretemps developed when Orleans noted that there was no basis for the recommendation contained within the statement and asked if such an explanation or basis was available. Mayor Judith

Davis responded haltingly that an explanation was not available at this time and that the purpose of the three scheduled hearings on the statement or recommendations would be to provide more background then and seek the opinions of the citizenry.

Orleans persisted and went further, hoping that the opinions of outside counsel and the city solicitor could be made available. The city solicitor, who was present at the meeting, indicated that those opinions were not available.

By this point Davis was losing patience with Orleans. She assured him that more information would be provided at the hearings. When he continued to challenge the mayor, she informed him, "Mr. Orleans, you are done."

Under Petitions and Requests, Sheldon Goldberg asked if council had any recent knowledge of the status of the Verizon installation of their FiOS fiber optic systems in Greenbelt neighborhoods. He noted that it appeared this activity has stopped in certain neighborhoods in Greenbelt East.

There appeared to be some confusion regarding the role of homeowner associations regarding such installations versus individual homeowner or neighborhood association actions. Council requested that the city manager look further into the status of FiOS installation in various Greenbelt neighborhoods, including Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

### Transportation Plan

Greenbelt Planning Assistant Amy Hofstra briefed council on the recently completed Preliminary Countywide Master Plan of Transportation, which includes county priorities and strategies for transit, trails and streets. She noted that the Master Plan supports projects such as the Purple Line, extension of the Metro Green Line, creation of bicycle lanes along Greenbelt Road and the designation of scenic and historic roadways within the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, all of which are Greenbelt priorities as well.

On the other hand, the Plan

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### What Goes On

**Saturday, February 7**

**10 a.m.**, Public Hearing on Voting System Reform, Community Center, Multipurpose Room

**Monday, February 9**

**4 p.m.**, City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (Live on Channels 21 and 71)

**Wednesday, February 11**

**7:30 p.m.**, Public Hearing on Voting System Reform, Greenbriar Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway

**Thursday, February 12**

**7:30 p.m.**, GDC and GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room



# Letters

## A Different Opinion

The Greenbelt City Council will soon hold hearings on its new recommendations for voting system reform. FairVote, a nonprofit group that advances electoral reform, commends the council for taking positive steps to ensuring a democratic process in local elections but believes they fall short of ensuring full and fair representation of the city on council.

To improve low voter turnout, particularly across the whole city, the recommended change of city elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years makes good sense. Early voting and same day registration are also innovative and progressive recommendations.

Nevertheless, these proposals do not resolve the issue of distorted representation. The fact is that the current all-white city council does not reflect Greenbelt's racial and ethnic diversity. According to an analysis conducted by the ACLU of Maryland, the city's eligible voters are nearly 50 percent of color – 38 percent African American, 6 percent Asian American and 3.4 percent Latino. These Greenbelters are also active participants in federal and statewide elections.

In order to engage these citizens in city elections and provide for increased access to a seat at Greenbelt's council table, we believe Greenbelt should adopt choice voting – a form of proportional representation. Choice voting is an at-large electoral system that maximizes the efficacy of each citizen's vote by allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference. Like-minded groupings of voters are able to win one of five seats with a fifth of the vote, thereby lowering the barrier of gaining majority support in the current system. Choice voting is used in other cities such as Cambridge, Mass., and Minneapolis, Minn., and also used internationally by countries such as Scotland, New Zealand and India. Here in Maryland, Takoma Park uses a similar ranking system called Instant Runoff Voting that was approved by 84 percent of voters in 2005.

Contrary to city council's statement in its recommendations, choice voting does not isolate winning candidates. Rather, it fosters coalition building between different interests and points of view by rewarding candidates for earning second and third choice rankings from supporters of other candidates. Overall, choice voting is a fairer electoral system than the current winner-take-all method because it allocates seats based on actual support and therefore ensures the council will accurately reflect the views of voters – both those in the majority and the minority.

As the city council and Greenbelt continue this invaluable discourse on voting system reform, FairVote urges the council to consider substantive electoral system change. Choice voting has a track record of helping to elect the first African American councilors in many cities and producing fair and reflective city government. Greenbelt will be well served to consider other electoral systems in its pursuit of a more democratic government.

Amy Ngai  
FairVote

## “Standing Tall” – Lincoln Feted at 200

The Greenbelt Branch of the Prince George's County Public Library System will be hosting a giant free 200th Birthday Party for Abraham Lincoln at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 14. Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, at Hodgenville, Ky., and hundreds of celebrations across the country are being held under the auspices of the National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, headquartered at the Library of Congress. Greenbelt will be hosting the Centennial Commemoration for suburban Washington, D.C.

“Standing Tall: Lincoln at 200,” suburban Maryland's celebration, will feature noted Lincoln authors, historians, and Civil War re-enactors. They will gather for a special ceremony to unveil the Lincoln Birth Bicentennial Memorial at Greenbelt.

A lecture series will also be held in commemoration of the first anniversary of the opening of the Lincoln Cottage, President Lincoln's summer home that was recently renovated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Headlining the event is Elizabeth Brownstein, author of the critically-acclaimed book, *Lincoln's Other White House: The Untold Story of the Man and His Presidency*. She will be revealing secrets she uncovered when conducting research for the book on Lincoln's time at the Cottage. Erin Carlson Most, Curator of the Lincoln Cottage, will then deliver a review of the successful restoration of the House Museum and its first full year of operation since opening to the public.

The U.S. Veteran Reserve Corps and 1st Maryland Cavalry Civil War Re-enactment companies will serve as Honor Guards and perform the sacred “Presentation of the Flags Ceremony” to open the event. The Marie Reed Civil War Cadets Re-enactment Company depicting the United States Colored Troops (African American soldiers in the Civil War) will then pull the tarp to unveil the memorial. In front of the centerpiece stone etching of Lincoln, actress Joyce Bailey will conclude the formal ceremony with a dramatic play telling the story of Elizabeth Keckley, dressmaker for the Jefferson Davis family and the Lincoln family.

The newly minted Lincoln Bicentennial Log Cabin pennies will be debuted at the event and given away as souvenirs to all visitors. An Abraham Lincoln look-alike contest will also be

held for children and adults with the winner reciting the Gettysburg Address as our 16th President. A birthday cake (in the shape of a top hat) and refreshments will also be served.

The Greenbelt Library is located at 11 Crescent Road in old Greenbelt.

### Science of Climate Change Is Topic

Local Scientist Chris Barnet will present his Third Annual Global Warming Science Update at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 114 on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Barnet, an atmospheric scientist and Greenbelt resident who has spent his career advancing the remote sensing of atmosphere from space, will review the latest scientific findings and conclusions concerning global warming and will present a fascinating slide show while incorporating his usual unique brand of humor.

Barnet will give his opinion on whether or not it is too late to prevent the most ominous and destabilizing changes due to global warming. He will also discuss whether biofuels can replace fossil fuels.

Through collaborative efforts of Barnet and many other scientists using remote sensing instruments, many significant contributions will be made over the coming decades to the understanding of the terrestrial carbon cycle and climate change.

A drawing will also be held with CFL light bulbs awarded to several attendees.

This free event is sponsored by the Greenbelt Climate Action Network. For more information email [sr.kane@verizon.net](mailto:sr.kane@verizon.net).

• OLD GREENBELT THEATRE •

• WEEK OF Feb. 6 •

• **The Reader** (R) •

• Friday •

• \*5, 7:35, 9:55 •

• Saturday •

• \*2:30, \*5, 7:35, 9:55 •

• Sunday •

• \*2:30, \*5, 7:35, 9:55 •

• Monday-Thursday •

• \*5, 7:30 •


• \*These shows at \$6.00 •

• 301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745 •

• 129 Centerway •

• [www.pandgtheatres.com](http://www.pandgtheatres.com) •

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THE COOPERATIVE

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, February 12, 2009

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

**GHI Key Agenda Items:**

- Unpermitted Skylights in Gardenside Addition, 46H Ridge
- Installation of Large Windows in 3-Season Porch, 10M Plateau
- Underground Storm Drain Repair 14A-D Ridge
- Comment Period for Member Handbook Changes
- Revised Strategic Plan
- 4th Quarter Financial Statements
- Schedule General Manager's Performance Review


**GDC Key Agenda Items:**

- 2009 Parkway Electric Service Upgrade Contract
- Parkway Security System Upgrade
- 4th Quarter Financial Statements
- Verizon Premises Access Agreement for Fiber Optics

Regular Board meetings are open to Members

For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

Grin Belt



"If we hurry we can finish before it melts."

On Screen

Golden Globe Nominee Plays Here

In *The Reader*, Ralph Fiennes stars as Michael Berg, a lawyer who as a teenager had an affair with Hanna Schmitz (Kate Winslet). The affair ended when she disappeared but he encountered her again a decade later when she was put on trial for Nazi war crimes. The movie is based on the best-selling book of the same title by Bernhard Schlink, who is a law professor in Germany.

Director Stephen Daldry has a habit of turning good books into movies; he directed *The Hours* in 2002 and now is working on an adaptation of *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Klay*. This film is rated R for some nudity and sexual situations. Its runtime is 124 minutes.

– Cathy Jones

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



# Community Events

## GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:  
**Friday, February 6**, Office Closed  
**Saturday, February 7**, 2 to 4 p.m., Open House Home Energy Workshop – Board Room  
**Tuesday, February 10**, 8:30 a.m., Ad-Hoc Yard Line Committee – GHI library  
7 p.m., Sustainable Design Practices Committee – Board Room  
7 p.m., Marketing Committee – GHI lobby  
**Wednesday, February 11**, 7:30 p.m., Nominations & Elections Committee – GHI library  
7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee – Board Room.  
Thursday, February 12, 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting – Board Room  
Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## At the Library

**Storytimes**  
A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.  
Tuesday, February 10, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.  
Wednesday, February 11, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.  
Thursday, February 12, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.  
Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.  
**Book Discussion**  
Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m. Bookids book discussion for ages 8 to 12. A librarian leads book discussions for children. Call the Greenbelt branch for details at 301-345-5800, TTY 301-808-2061



## Explore Beethoven’s Music and Period

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Jennifer Kobuskie on the “Tradition and Transformation: Beethoven and the Music of the 18th and 19th Centuries” on Friday, February 13 from 1 until 3 p.m. in Room 114 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The presentation will focus on the development of classical music using Beethoven as a central figure and then exploring the music that came before and after him.  
Raised in Vestal, New York, Kobuskie graduated with a music education degree from SUNY-Fredonia in 2000 and in 2002 completed her master’s degree in music history at Binghamton University. Having taught middle school choral and general music at Camels Hump Middle School in Richmond, Vt., she is now pursuing her Ph.D. in Musicology at the University of Maryland, focusing on music of the 19th and 20th centuries.  
Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday at the Community Center. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Artfulness: Not Only an Afternoon

Art exhibits of note around the city include a permanent collection of underwater photography by Greenbelt Artist Barbara Tyroler at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC). The photos were taken at the GAFC.  
Illuminations – Sculpture by Bonnie Crawford Kotula is on display at the Community Center Art Gallery. The exhibit was utilized for two dance performances at the city’s New Year celebration by resident choreographer Angella Foster and company.  
Sculpture by David Page will be on view at the library underpass and the Youth Center rear patio through this coming April.

## Retro-Rockets At Café Friday

The Retro-Rockets, a seven-member 50s and 60s band, will perform at the New Deal Café on Friday, February 6 from 8 to 11 p.m.  
All are invited to come hear the songs of Chuck Berry, the Beatles, Del Shannon, PatsyCline, Wilson Pickett and others. The music is meant to be sung along and danced to and the event is free.  
For more information call 301-474-5642 or 301-596-2017.

## Senior Movie Is The Bucket List

“The Bucket List” will be shown as the Senior Movie on Monday, February 9 from 1 until 3 p.m. in the Senior Lounge, Room 11, at the Greenbelt Community Center. Seniors are encouraged to see this comedy starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman and directed by Rob Reiner. There is no admission fee.  
Corporate billionaire Edward Cole (Nicholson) and working-class mechanic Carter Chambers (Freeman) have nothing in common except for their terminal illnesses. While sharing a hospital room they decide to take off and do all the things they have ever wanted to do according to their bucket list before they die. In the process they become unlikely friends, heal themselves and ultimately find the joy in life.  
For more information call 301-397-2208.

For more community events see pages 2, 6, 8, 11 and 12.



The Retro-Rockets are scheduled to perform at the New Deal Café on Friday night.

## Computer Club To Meet Feb. 12

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its meeting on Thursday, February 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Everyone is welcome.

## Toastmasters Meeting Feb. 11

On Wednesday, February 11 Toastmasters International will hold a regular Toastmasters Club meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. Although Toastmasters International is known for its focus on public speaking expertise, it also focuses on how to be an effective listener, give positive feedback and run an effective meeting.  
Toastmasters Club meetings in Greenbelt are free and held the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m.  
For more information call 301-906-0865.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155  
**ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.**  
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50  
Children: \$6.00  
**ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00**  
**ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.**  
Adults: \$8.50  
Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50  
R = ID Required  
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

## Week of Feb. 6

**FRI. - SAT.**  
**The Uninvited, PG-13 (!)**  
11:10, 1:25, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 10:10  
**Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG**  
11:20, 1:35, 3:45, 5:50, 7:50, 10:10  
**Underworld: Rise of the Lycans, R**  
11:10, 1:25, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 10:10  
**Taken, PG-13 (!)**  
11:20, 1:35, 3:45, 5:50, 7:50, 10:10  
**Coraline, PG (!)**  
11, 1:25, 4, 6:45, 9:30  
**Push, PG-13 (!)**  
11:30, 2:25, 5:10, 8, 10:40  
**Hotel for Dogs, PG**  
11, 1:25  
**Notorious, R**  
3:50, 6:40, 9:45  
**Slumdog Millionaire, R (!)**  
11:30, 2:25, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

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**Slumdog Millionaire, R (!)**  
11:30, 2:25, 5:10, 7:50

**MON. - THUR.**  
(All shows \$5 on Tuesdays except for Underworld and Paul Blart.)  
**The Uninvited, PG-13**  
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**Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG**  
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1:15, 4, 6:45  
**Push, PG-13 (!)**  
1, 4, 6:45  
**Hotel for Dogs, PG**  
1:10, 3:50  
**Notorious, R**  
6:45  
**Slumdog Millionaire, R**  
1, 4, 6:45

# Spaghetti Dinner

**February 14 from 5-7 p.m.**  
at Mowatt Methodist Church  
40 Ridge Rd, Greenbelt

\$8 Adults, \$6 Children 5 – 12 years, Under 4 free

Pies for Sale

# Greenbelt Nursery School Open House

Registration for Fall 2009  
Saturday, February 21, 10 am - 1 pm

Classes for children ages 2, 3, and 4  
Two, three, and five days a week.  
Low child to staff ratio.  
Full day educational programs available.

Greenbelt Community Center • 15 Crescent Road  
301-474-5570 • [www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org](http://www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org)

# GREENBELT BASEBALL

**Registration for New Players**  
Greenbelt Youth Center  
Springhill Lake Rec Center  
Saturdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28  
10 a.m. to noon



**T-Ball**  
(5-6 year olds)  
**Coach-Pitch / Machine-Pitch**  
(7-8 year olds)  
**Major League Players**  
Born 8/1/95 - 7/31/03

**Fees:** Resident \$40.00, Sibling \$30.00  
Non-Resident \$60.00 Sibling \$30.00  
T-Ball \$40.00 per player  
Copy of birth certificate is required

**VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED**  
Sat., March 7 from 10 a.m. to noon  
Draft for major league players  
At McDonald Field, 7 Ct. Southway  
For info: call Greg Fisanich 301-441-4647



Obituaries

Kathrine Gough

Kathrine Margaret Moore Gough, 71, died in her sleep Monday night, February 2, 2009, at home in Lincoln Hills, Cal.



In 1956 Mrs. Gough met her future husband Jerry when they played opposite each other in the University of Maryland production of "Picnic." On June 14, 2008, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows.

In addition to raising four children to adulthood during the many years the family resided in Greenbelt, first in GHI and later in Boxwood, she worked as a paralegal in Washington, D.C., and as a legislative assistant to State Senator Ed Conroy.

She was a charter member of and active in the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club and in a literacy program for disadvantaged adults and taught English as a second language.

She attended Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, Md., and held a bachelor of arts in speech and drama from the University of Maryland. Mrs. Gough was a professional actress and had appeared in several movies and on television as a principal player in "Homicide, Life on the Street."

After moving first to the Eastern Shore, the Goughs followed their children and moved to California. She continued her acting career in several plays at California Stage in Sacramento. At the time of her death Mrs. Gough was in rehearsal for a play called "The Dining Room," a production of The Lincoln Hills Players, in Lincoln.

Mrs. Gough is survived by her husband; daughters Maureen Gough Decombe and Sally Ann Gough Wagner of Balimore; sons Michael Lane Gough and James Joseph Gough; two grandsons, Doug and Jerry Gough and a sister Dorothy Moore of Beltsville. A brother Lane A. Moore, Jr. predeceased her.

Services are to be held in California. The family welcomes letters sent to the family residence at 1101 Sun Flare Ct., Lincoln, CA 95648 and telephone calls at 916-408-1769.

Gloria C. Schulstad

Gloria Capretti Schulstad, 84, died peacefully at her Greenbelt home on January 23, 2009, due to pancreatic cancer. She was an original resident of Boxwood Village and had lived at her Julian Court address since 1966. Her husband, William H. Schulstad, died in 1995.



Her late parents, Franco Capretti and Giuseppa Mazzaferri, were natives of the Italian region

of Abruzzo. Gloria was born in Vintondale, Pa., on June 23, 1924, and grew up in Tire Hill, Somerset County, Pa. She attended Ferndale Borough High School her freshman year and then transferred to the newly-opened Conemaugh Township High School in Davidsville, Pa., graduating in 1941. The picture shown is from her high school graduation. She moved to Washington, D.C., after graduation and worked at the Treasury Department in the Accounting Division for several years.

She met William Schulstad while he was in the Navy stationed at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab and they married on May 30, 1947. He was a CIA Logistics Officer and she accompanied him to Taipei, Taiwan, for tours of duty in the 1950s and 1960s and to Okinawa in the 1970s. She had a wonderful gift of creating a sense of family for her many friends living overseas and away from their families.

Mrs. Schulstad was an avid bridge player throughout her life.

She began playing tournament bridge later in life and achieved the rank of Silver Life Master from the American Contract Bridge League. The Washington Bridge League will hold a memorial game on March 5.

Survivors include her children, Gloria Lynn Creecy of Olney, Md., Linda "Doey" Patterson (Lyman) of Calabasas, Cal. and Mark Anthony Schulstad, Sr. (Christine) of Annapolis, Md.; grandchildren Christina Hayes (Michael) of Annapolis, Laura Creecy of Los Angeles, Mark A. "Tony" Schulstad, Jr. of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Karen Creecy of Olney, Md., Mark and Marie Patterson of Calabasas, Cal., and Logan Schulstad of Annapolis; her great-grandchildren Cody and Noah Hayes of Annapolis, her brother Dominic Capretti (Jane) of Daytona Beach, Fla., and her sister Lillian Putorek (William) of Alexandria, Va.

In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her brothers John, William, Nello, Ernest and Anthony and sisters

Lucia, Jennie and Inez.

Mrs. Schulstad will be interred with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery on February 10 at 3 p.m. A reception will follow at the Ft. Myer Officer's Club. Ft Myer is near Arlington National Cemetery. Security is high at Ft. Myer; cars will be inspected at the main gate – people will be asked to exit the car and open the doors, hood and trunk.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 445 Defense Highway, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Grace Hamilton

Grace Amelia Hamilton, 84, died of vascular dementia and complications of a stroke at Villa Rosa Nursing Home in Mitchellville, Md., on Monday, January 26, 2009.



She was born in Jamaica, N.Y., and moved with her mother and

brother to the Washington, D.C., area in the early 1940s. She eventually moved to the Greenbelt area in 1979. She retired from the U.S. Treasury Department as a Retirement Specialist in 1980.

Ms. Hamilton had been a member of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church since moving to Greenbelt. She loved her family, treasured her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and she enjoyed the companionship of the ever-present, playful family dogs. She enjoyed watching football and was an avid fan of the Washington Redskins.

Ms. Hamilton was preceded in death by her brother Herbert C. Lauer.

Survivors include three daughters: Katherine (Jay) Gibson in Greenbelt, Jacqueline Gasch in Germantown and Barbara Hamilton in Greenbelt; four grandchildren, Kimberly Gasch (Jay) Clouspy in Hanover, Pa., Timothy

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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



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Worship Service 10:00am

Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am



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February 8, 10 a.m.

**"History Talks"**

by Rev. John Manwell with Don Henderson, Worship Associate.

Continuing our history as a congregation, what were the good times, what were the hard ones? What can we learn to help us as we welcome new ministry?



**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770**

**301-474-4322**

Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



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Sunday 8:15 am

Worship Service

9:15 am

Sunday School/Bible Study

10:30 am

Worship Service



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Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield


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Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM

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in darkness, the living link that  
uniteth God with man, that assureth  
the progress of every  
illuminated soul. (Abdu'l-Bahá)

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**Greenbelt Baptist Church**

**101 Greenhill Road**

**Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212**

**www.greenbeltbaptist.org**



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Sunday 9:45 am

Sunday School

Sunday 11:00 am

Worship Service

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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10:15 a.m.

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9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks

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of Greenbelt  
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Sundays 10 A.M.

Municipal Building



# Obituaries

(Susan) Gasch in North Beach, Md., James Francis Gibson in Greenbelt and Susan Gibson (Mark) Jones in Bowie, Md.; 10 great-grandchildren, a nephew, niece and a great nephew.

Father Walter J. Tappe officiated at a funeral mass at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on Thursday, January 29, 2009. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Bladensburg Road, Washington, D.C.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in her name to Alzheimer's Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871; the Villa Rosa Nursing Home, 3800 Lottsford Vista Road, Mitchellville, MD 20721; or to the charity of one's choice.

## Rosemarie Mangialardi

Longtime Greenbelt resident Rosemarie Mangialardi died on January 22, 2009, at her daughter's home in Kensington, Md., after a year-long battle with Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer. She was 73 years old.

Mrs. Mangialardi was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., the only child of Leonard and Mary Episcopia. In 1954 she married Joseph Mangialardi. They subsequently had two daughters. The family moved to Greenbelt in 1965 when Joe accepted a position at the Government Printing Office. Rosemarie and Joe enjoyed a happy life together until his death in 1994.



During her time in Greenbelt she was very involved in the community and volunteered her time, resources and skills to a number of charitable causes. In the 1960s she was involved in the North End Elementary School's Parent Teachers Association and assisted in providing food and shelter to participants of the Poor Peoples' March on Washington.

More recently, she volunteered at the Greenbelt Library and St. Hugh's Ladies of Charity Food Pantry. She also indulged her lifelong love for learning by attending many of the college extension courses and book discussion groups offered in the community. She swam regularly at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center and took daily walks around Greenbelt Lake.

From 1977 through the mid-eighties Mrs. Mangialardi held several sales and administrative positions at Bloomingdales Department Store at White Flint. The many lifelong friendships she made during her time there are testament to her engaging personality, deep loyalty and generous spirit.

She is survived by Lisa and Paul Takemoto of Kensington and Denise and Ken Bokar of Arlington Heights, Ill.; grandchildren Ben and Molly Takemoto; and was a dear friend to a number of Greenbelters whose lives she touched. She will be keenly missed by all of them.

A celebration of her life funeral mass was held at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church on January 28 followed by a gathering at her home. Donations in her memory can be made to Doctors Without Borders, PO Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

# DEADLINE FOR LOVE NOTES IS TUESDAY!

## Free Public Rehearsal By Guarneri Quartet

The Guarneri String Quartet will appear on Monday, February 9 at 5 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Now in its 27th year in residence at the UM School of Music, this legendary quartet continues its popular tradition of free, on-campus public rehearsals.

## Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.  
1st Saturday of the month  
10 – 2 p.m.  
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.


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Greenbelt, Md. **301-345-5111**

St. George's Church is sponsoring its annual

## Mardi Gras

February 21 from 6:00-10:00 pm.  
\$25 for advance tickets; \$30 at the door; 10 and under free.  
The celebration will include dinner, silent auction, costume judging and dancing. Childcare will be available for this event.

St. George's is located at 7010 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, Md. 20769.  
Contact number for information: 301 262-3285.



# City Information

### GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**February 9, 2009 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Municipal Building**

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**Presentations**  
**Petitions and Requests** (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)  
**Committee Reports**  
**LEGISLATION**  
A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 893 and establish a New Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) – Committee Name Change, 2nd Reading & Adoption  
**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Purchase of Office Furniture for Public Works
- State Legislation
- FY 2010 Budget Briefing
- \*Reappointments to Advisory Groups

\* Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk, will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.

**MEETINGS**  
NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.

### MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 7-13

Saturday, February 7 at 10:00am, PUBLIC HEARING ON VOTING SYSTEM REFORM, at the Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room,

Monday, February 9 at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at the Municipal Building. (live on Channels 21 & 71)

Wednesday, February 11 at 7:30pm, PUBLIC HEARING ON VOTING SYSTEM REFORM, at the Greenbriar Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Drive.

The City Council has issued a **Statement on Voting System Reforms** in Greenbelt. This statement is available at the Greenbelt City Office at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 and at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed below, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).*

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

**Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.**

Vacancies exist on the:

- Forest Preserve Advisory Board,
- Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee,
- Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, and
- the Youth Advisory Committee.

For more info call 301-474-8000.

### GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT and GREENBELT ARTS CENTER present

**SIXTEEN TALENTED TEENAGERS**  
**IN THE GREENBELT YOUTH MUSICAL 2009**  
**HOMEWARD BOUND**  
by Christopher Cherry  
based on The Odyssey by Homer

**February 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 at 7:00 pm**  
**and February 21 at 2:00 pm**  
**Greenbelt Arts Center • 123 Centerway**

**Tickets \$6**  
**Charge advance tickets by phone @ 301-397-2208**  
**Purchase advance tickets in person:**  
**Greenbelt Community Center • 15 Crescent Road**  
**Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm**

### Registration for Spring & Summer Camps

Spring Camp, Circus Spring Camp Express, Kinder Camp, Camp Pine Tree, Creative Kids Camp, Circus Camp, Camp Encore, and Camp Dance are among the day camp choices the Greenbelt Recreation Department plans to offer this upcoming Spring and Summer.

These camps provide a wide range of aquatic, athletic, and artistic choices for kids ages 3 to 15. Camp registration will begin on January 12 for Greenbelt Residents and January 26 for Non-Residents. The Camp Brochure can be downloaded at [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/camps\\_2009.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/camps_2009.pdf)  
Call the Recreation Business Office at 301-397-2200 for more information.

### BASIC VEGAN CUISINE

Tuesdays 7:30pm-9:30pm, February 10 - March 3  
Community Center Kitchen, For Ages 15+  
R: \$50, NR: \$62.50

Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Want to learn about vegan cuisine or continue on from our initial Vegan Cuisine class? Participate in preparing and cooking naturally delicious and nutritious vegan recipes. All cooking supplies and food are included in the fees. No cooking experience required!

### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS

**NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21**  
**MUNICIPAL ACCESS:** 301-474-8000: Monday, February 9 at 8pm: City Council Meeting (live) Tuesday and Thursday, February 10 & 12: 6pm "Ask the Expert" 7:00pm: "Public Hearing on Voting Reform held 2/7" 9:00pm: Replay of Council Meeting  
**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE):** 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, February 11 & 13 : 7pm "Jazz Jam" 8:00pm: "Last of the Red Hot Lovers"


### MARYLAND TAX RETURN

If you live within the corporate boundaries of the City of Greenbelt, make sure to write or enter "Greenbelt" on your Maryland State Tax form under "City, town or taxing area" so that your taxes can best serve your community!


*Visit Greenbelt CityLink for City Information*  
[www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

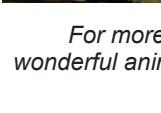
**Greenbelt Pets of the Month**




**Bert and Ernie:** Two adorable young male tabbies. You can always find these two together. Sweet, very pretty cats.



**Marco:** A 4-month-old male blue tick coonhound. Very gentle and loving.



**Kimie:** Friendly, but shy. Easily gentled, especially if bribed with food and treats! Young adult spayed, tiger striped female cat.



**Princess:** A pretty young black and white domestic female cat. Spayed. Looking for someone to spoil her.

*For more information on any of the other wonderful animals at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, call 301.474.6124.*

**The Greenbelt Animal Shelter gladly accepts donations of pet supplies. Currently there is a great need for self-clumping cat litter.**





Condolences to the family and friends of Rosemarie Mangialardi, an original resident of Boxwood Village, who died January 22.

Our sympathy to the friends and family of Judy Reilly of Ridge Road, who died January 15. A memorial service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery in March; date and time will be forthcoming.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Gloria Schulstad, also an original Boxwood Village resident, who died January 23.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Kathrine Gough, who died at her home in California on February 2.

#### **Congratulations to:**

— ERHS student Davon Bailey, who has been awarded a full four-year Posse Foundation scholarship to attend Bucknell University. Eleven county seniors including Bailey are in the fifth class of Posse scholars and will receive scholarships worth more than \$100,000.

— Jesse Goldberg-Strassler on his job as the Voice of Lansing (Michigan) Lugnuts, the A-team affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays. (See in-depth story on page 9.)

— Eleanor Anne Lomax, attending Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., who was named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

— James Fahey of Tamarisk Court, who won third place in the USDA Martin Luther King Essay Contest. James, whose essay reflects his views on progress to fulfill Dr. King's dream, is a seventh grader in the Hyattsville Middle School Creative Writing program.



**James Fahey**

Good wishes go out to Bill Uber of Southway, who fell and broke his hip, had hip-replacement surgery and now is recuperating at Magnolia Center near Doctor's Hospital. He and his family want to thank the person who helped when Bill fell and all the neighbors who have helped since.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

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also recommends some road projects that the city has long opposed. Among these are the extension of Kenilworth Avenue to the north to connect with an interchange at the terminus of the Intercounty Connector (ICC) and, interestingly, long-abandoned plans to relocate Crescent Road so that it intersects with Ivy Lane rather than Kenilworth Avenue and to extend upper Ridge Road beyond Lastner Lane behind the Boxwood community to intersect with Kenilworth Ave. at Cherrywood Lane.

Hofstra noted that she would be attending a public hearing on the plan scheduled the next day in Upper Marlboro and that she would be preparing Greenbelt comments for submission on the record by February 11. Staff would submit council's previous recommendations that oppose any changes in lane capacity and would add bike lanes and pedestrian facilities.

Hofstra also noted that the city's comments would continue to express opposition to the Kenilworth Avenue extension, the ICC and the proposed expansion of city roadways. Council requested an opportunity to review the comments before their submission and indicated that Councilmember Konrad Herling also would attend the January 27 hearing in Upper Marlboro.

#### **State Legislation**

Two proposed State bills were considered by council. HB 27 — Elimination of Intercounty Connector Funding — has been introduced by Delegate Barbara Frosh. The bill calls for the elimination of funding for the toll highway for which construction is already underway. During last year's legislative session a similar bill failed.

ICC opponents are again focusing attention on this single bill to halt funding for the controversial toll road, arguing that the now-estimated \$4 billion price tag for the ICC will effectively siphon off roughly 15 to 20 percent of total Maryland federal transportation dollars over the next 12 years and that the state faces a massive shortfall in its six-year capital transportation program, with the Maryland Department of Legislative Services now indicating that the State faces a \$2.5 billion shortfall. Council agreed unanimously to communicate support for HB 27.

SB 163 deals with the State's Program Open Space (POS) funds and clarifies that POS can be used for indoor and outdoor recreation facilities such as aquatic, golf, community and nature centers. Council approved support for SB 163.

With the agenda completed, council wrapped things up and prepared to adjourn. After the motion was made to adjourn, however, Davis requested that council meet in executive session for the purpose of meeting with legal counsel. She was then advised by counsel and the city manager that the motion should have been to "recess" into an executive session; otherwise a notice to schedule an executive session would be required. With that advice, council reconvened and withdrew the motion to adjourn, then approved a new motion to recess for the purposes of meeting in executive session with legal counsel.

The executive session reportedly lasted an hour.

## **Photo Club to Meet Tuesday, Feb. 10**

At the next Greenbelt Photo Club meeting on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m., local photographer Bill Cornett will talk about "What It Takes to Get Good at Photography."

Cornett, a professional photographer, has had assignments for top publications and major corporations in the U.S. and Europe. He describes how he learned the tricks and techniques of studio photography after working as a photojournalist and event photographer. He will also speak on ways to tell the difference between when things are too hard to do and when it's a matter of just not working hard enough.

The meeting will be held in Room 112 at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

## **Greenbelt Nursery Holds Open House**

Greenbelt Nursery School will hold its annual Open House on Saturday, February 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the start of registration for the next school year.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a not-for-profit parent co-operative in its 66th year of operation. The school is certified by the Maryland State Department of Education and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. It offers classes for children ages 2, 3 and 4. Full-day educational programs are available.

The school is located at 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, in the Greenbelt Community Center. For more information, visit [www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org](http://www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org) or call 301-474-5570.

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just to help out municipalities but also to pay to put people to work and enable them to get health insurance for their families.

Hoyer emphasized that unlike other Congressional appropriations, this did not designate funds for specific projects favored by individual representatives but instead left the project determination up to the states and municipalities. He noted as well that the funds available were rough figures still because the Senate has yet to act on this legislation and could change the figures.

#### **Lt. Gov. Brown**

Governor Martin O'Malley was supposed to attend the meeting but he sent Brown instead after taking ill. Brown expressed the thought that participating in a Polar Bear plunge into Chesapeake Bay the prior weekend might have had something to do with the governor's indisposition.

Brown commended Hoyer for the plan's efforts to assist all levels of government. He noted that Maryland municipalities had already prepared lists of projects suitable for funding under the emergency relief plan. The governor, he said, had submitted a budget to the General Assembly that relied on receiving emergency relief funds to be authorized by Congress.

Porcari reported on state plans to make transportation investments by giving first priority to system preservation, such as repairs to bridges, resurfacing park-and-ride bus lots and repairing old buildings at Thurgood Marshall Baltimore-Washington Airport. He is focused on getting projects out for construction within 90 days, including those that might be undertaken by municipalities.

Hoyer said that as soon as the legislation is enacted, he would

hold a workshop to help local governments apply for eligible projects that can be speedily undertaken.

#### **Greenbelt Projects**

On January 26 Davis sent a letter on behalf of the city listing Greenbelt projects for consideration under the anticipated economic stimulus package being considered by Congress. The projects submitted were:

Renovation of Old Greenbelt Theater — \$1 million. The city has completed plans and permits have been approved to perform mechanical upgrades, make modifications to comply with disability act requirements and undertake historic restoration of the lobby.

Greenhill/Hillside Outfall Stabilization — \$250,000. Plans are complete and permits are being sought to undertake work in this watershed to curb erosion and improve lake water quality.

Street Resurfacing — \$900,000. A vendor has been selected and work can begin in about 60 days with warmer weather.

Police Computer-aided Dispatch and Records Management System — \$800,000. A vendor has been selected and a contract can be negotiated within 60 days for this joint undertaking by the cities of Greenbelt and Hyattsville.

Greenbelt Road Neighborhood Conservation Program. The Maryland State Highway had plans completed for this project before the Neighborhood Conservation Program was ended. The city suggests re-establishing the program, whose objective was to make state roadways more neighborhood-friendly.

Playground Improvements — \$60,000. Plans have been prepared to replace playground equipment on Ora Glen Drive in order to comply with modern safety standards; the project could be ready to go within 90 days.

## ♥ **Valentine's Day** ♥ *at the New Deal Café*

**Saturday, February 14, 2009**

**Early Bird Dinner: 5 to 8 pm**

\$50 per couple includes

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Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Saturday - February 14**

**Regular Restaurant menu with  
Valentine Special.  
No advance ticket sales.  
Reservations of 8 or more, call manager.  
D.J. during dinner 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**9:00 p.m.  
Featuring: The Paulverizers  
For everyone's enjoyment!**  
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Shady Brook Frozen Whole Turkey Breast 4-7 lb. average	\$99 <sup>¢</sup> / <sub>lb.</sub>	Fresh Value Pack Center Cut Pork Loin Chops \$1 <sup>99</sup> / <sub>lb.</sub>	Fresh Value Pack Beef Boneless Rib Eye Delmonico Steaks \$5 <sup>99</sup> / <sub>lb.</sub>
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			Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Chuck Roast \$3 <sup>29</sup> / <sub>lb.</sub>

## Dairy

Dairy		Deli		Frozen					
Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice 64 oz.	<b>\$2<sup>69</sup></b>	Shurfine Grade A Large Eggs 18 pack	<b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b>	Deli Gourmet Cooked Ham	<b>\$3<sup>99</sup><sub>lb.</sub></b>	Swanson Classics Dinners Assorted 6-9 oz.	<b>88¢</b>	Turkey Hill Ice Cream Assorted 1.5 quart	<b>\$2<sup>50</sup></b>
Smart Balance Vegetable Spread Assorted 15 oz.	<b>\$2<sup>79</sup></b>	Borden Cheddar Cheese Chunks 8 oz.	<b>\$2<sup>50</sup></b>	Jennie-O Oven Roasted Turkey Breast	<b>\$5<sup>69</sup><sub>lb.</sub></b>	Birds Eye Assorted Vegetables Select Varieties 16 oz.	<b>88¢</b>	Shurfine Orange Juice 12 oz.	<b>3/\$5<sup>00</sup></b>
				Deli Gourmet American	<b>\$2<sup>99</sup><sub>lb.</sub></b>				

## Health & Beauty

## Seafood

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[http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf).  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robberies

January 22, 6:27 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a man and woman were followed from the Greenbelt Metro by a man. The suspect attempted to grab the woman's purse from her arm, knocking her to the ground. She hung onto the purse, while the man tackled the suspect. He got free and fled the area; nothing was taken. The suspect was described as a black male, age 20, 6'0" with a thin build, wearing a red Northface jacket and a ball cap.

January 22, 8:44 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, a food delivery person was robbed by two men when approaching an apartment building. Both men confronted the delivery person and demanded money. One of the men briefly displayed a handgun, cash was taken and the men left the area. The suspects are described as two black males, ages 18 to 20, both about 5'10", one wearing a gray/black hooded jacket and the other wearing a coat covering the lower half of his face.

January 24, 11:29 p.m., 9100 block Breezewood Court, a food delivery person was robbed by two men, one armed with a handgun, as the delivery person was exiting the building. One of the men removed money from the victim's pockets and both fled the area. The suspects are described as two Hispanic males, one wearing a black jacket and ski mask and the other wearing a brown jacket, half mask and cap.

January 26, 11:14 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a food delivery person was robbed by two young men as he exited a condominium. One of the men displayed a black handgun and used it to strike the delivery person in the head, causing minor injuries. After a brief struggle the men took the victim's cash and fled the area. The suspects are described as two Hispanic males, both ages 16 to 18, about 5'2" to 5'4" and about 105 to 115 lbs., wearing gray or white tops.

### Assaults

January 22, 5:15 p.m., Beltway Plaza, while waiting at a bus stop, a man reported that he was approached by a man who hit him on the head with a closed fist. The victim hit his head on the concrete street when he fell. The motive is not known. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 years of age, 5'8", 190 lbs., wearing black clothing.

January 23, 1:25 p.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road, a resident woman was arrested and charged with second-degree assault. When stopped for panhandling, she became aggressive and assaulted an officer. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

January 28, 11:30 p.m.,

T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, five men were arrested after a fight broke out at the restaurant between numerous bar patrons; the establishment was closed. As police assisted in clearing the restaurant, the men refused to leave and became combative, assaulting two of the officers.

One man was charged with second-degree assault, resisting arrest, failing to obey a lawful order and trespassing. A second man was charged with disorderly conduct, failure to obey a lawful order and resisting arrest. The third man was charged with second-degree assault, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and failure to obey a lawful order. These three men were transported to Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

The fourth man was charged with disorderly conduct and released on citation, pending trial. The fifth man was charged with disorderly conduct and failing to obey a lawful order and was also released on citation, pending trial.

### Drug Arrest

January 26, 4:25 p.m., Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and driving under the influence after a traffic accident. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Malicious Destruction

January 22, 11:16 p.m., Parkway, a large rock was thrown through a living room window.

January 29, 4:09 p.m., 200 block of Lakeside Drive, unknown person(s) broke the rear sliding glass door of an apartment.

### Theft

January 24, 6:22 p.m., Youth Center, a camera was removed from an unattended backpack left in the building.

### Burglaries

January 23, 9:07 p.m., 6600 block of Lake Park Drive, a resident youth was arrested and charged with fourth-degree burglary, trespass and malicious destruction of property. The youth was transported and released to the Cheltenham Detention Center for an open writ through the Prince George's County Sheriff's office for robbery.

January 24, 5:44 p.m., 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, it was reported that unknown person(s) broke into a vacant apartment.

January 24, 3:21 p.m., 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, it was reported that unknown person(s) broke into a residence. Nothing was taken.

January 26, 4:24 p.m., 8100 block of Craddock Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) broke the basement door glass to gain entry. A watch was taken.

### Vehicle Crimes

A 2001 blue Dodge Neon, Maryland tags LWD804 was reported stolen from Greenway Center. An attempted theft of a vehicle occurred in the 6600 block of Lake Park Drive.

Two vehicles were recovered by outside police departments with no arrests made.

On January 26 a 2001 Subaru Outback reported stolen from 11 Crescent Road on January 24 was located in the Beltway Plaza parking lot occupied by two people. A resident youth was arrested and charged with theft over \$500 and released to his mother on a citation pending action by the juvenile justice system. The second person was investigated and released.

Theft from vehicles was reported in the following areas: 9300 block Edmonston Road (Maryland tag 245M239), 9100 block Breezewood Court (Dell laptop computer), 6900 block Hanover Parkway (personal items), 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (Maryland temp tag 38575H), Beltway Plaza (GPS device) and 7800 block Walker Drive (Maryland tag AXA123).

Vandalism to vehicles occurred in the 100 block Lastner Lane (damaged front window) and 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (scratched paint).

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# Climbing the Baseball Broadcasting Ranks

by Megan Gustafson

In just a few minutes of talking with Jesse Goldberg-Strassler, his love for Greenbelt becomes readily evident. With an easy smile the 26-year-old recalls his years growing up in the community and his involvement in it, which included delivering this very paper.

He remembers the friends he had growing up and beams with pride as he describes their accomplishments. One appeared on the game show Jeopardy, another just returned from service in the Peace Corps and another is pursuing a music career that's starting to take off in some exciting ways. "We're all proud of each other," he said, smiling.

Goldberg-Strassler has long been involved in Greenbelt events and activities, such as teaching drama classes and helping out with Camp Encore. He worked with Beverly Palau, the city's public information and communications coordinator, on, among other things, a video highlighting Greenbelt that was submitted to the Oprah Winfrey Show. "He's really into his community. You can just tell he genuinely loves Greenbelt," Palau said.

## Following Dreams

A 2004 graduate of Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y., where he majored in television radio communications and minored in English and writing, Goldberg-Strassler has been following his dream of announcing baseball games and steadily advancing up the ranks.



Jesse Goldberg-Strassler

He started in Brockton, Mass., doing the pre- and post-game radio show, as well as engineering the games for the independent league team the Brockton Rox. While there he worked under Dave Raymond, who now calls games for the Houston Astros.

Then it was on to the Montgomery Biscuits, in Montgomery, Ala., the AA team affiliated with the Tampa Bay Rays. There he did three innings of play-by-play and six innings of color commentary.

During the two seasons that he worked with the Biscuits, the team won the championship both years, leaving Goldberg-Strassler with some "very nice and gaudy" championship rings.

Most recently he was broadcasting games for the Windy City Thunderbolts, an independent team in the Frontier League, where Goldberg-Strassler, as the number one broadcaster was "in charge of everything," including calling all nine innings, traveling on the bus with the team and dealing with the media. And perhaps his voice provides an element of luck. The Thunderbolts

won the championship during the season he called their games.

"He truly loves the sport," Palau said. She's listened to the games he's broadcast via the internet and is impressed with his skills. "He's just very good at it."

Apparently other people think so, too. After finishing the season with the Thunderbolts, Goldberg-Strassler was a runner-up for the Broadcaster of the Year by the publication Ballpark Digest.

For now he's filling his schedule with substitute teaching gigs but in about a month he'll be off to Lansing, Mich., to broadcast games for the Lansing Lugnuts, the A team affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, Goldberg-Strassler said.

He's worked hard following his dream, putting in long hours – the traditional office hours plus time spent calling the actual games. "You might end up working from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. You're working your way toward something," he said of his career's demands. "I'm working my way toward the major leagues."

## Greenbelt is Great

Confident but very modest about his own accomplishments, Goldberg-Strassler believes that it's the people of Greenbelt who collectively make it great. Any of them could have an interesting and compelling story to tell about their lives. "It seems to me you could find stories about people anywhere you wanted to look. All you got to do is open up a phone book."

# Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The members of the Golden Age Club are strong and active but you can't fight "Mother Nature." The meeting on January 28 was cancelled due to snow. Please remember if the schools are closed there is no meeting. Don't take a chance on slippery roads or icy steps.

The speaker for February 11 will be John McAdams, whose topic will be reverse mortgages. Dr. Stephanie Trifoglio will be rescheduled for later in the spring. Some members will not be there as they will be accompanying Karen Haseley to Washington, D.C., to see "I Love a Piano."

We were saddened by the death of Rachel Algaze, a longtime member and our corresponding secretary. She will be remembered and missed. Our sympathy and love go out to her family.

The officers would like to say thanks to all the members for coming out to meetings and thanks to the City of Greenbelt for all the support they give the club. I think that ends my list of thanks but maybe later there will be more, so keep reading the News Review.

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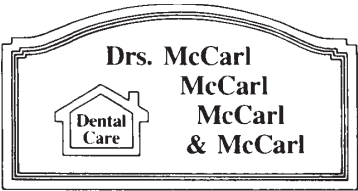


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# More Inauguration Memories

## In the Parade

What is it like? Chilly, exciting, freezing, thrilling, bitter cold and stirring and at times boring. Am I glad I did it? Now that I am warm and no longer standing outside in the wind and waiting, yes, I am, most definitely. Here are some warm moments from behind the scenes.

Arrive at Pentagon City Metro Station by the latest at 6:30 a.m. we are told. I got there about 6 a.m. Fortunately Starbucks was open on the lower level, so many of us were in line for something hot. Discussions between strangers were about where you were from, where did you serve in the Peace Corps, when and what are you doing now. Fairly standard opening conversions among Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCV) I have learned. In my case it was Russia 2001-2003.

After a security check at the Pentagon parking lot, we were off to the Ellipse. In the warming tents (thank you, thank you), I saw some of the swearing-in but not much, so I listened carefully. When Obama was sworn in, everyone in the tent cheered and clapped loudly. Particularly touching was when everyone stood up and sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

After getting into formation at around 1:30, we waited and stood along Constitution Avenue for a very long time. Finally we got word that Senator Kennedy had experienced a seizure, Senator Byrd had become agitated and President Obama needed to stay to make sure they were all right but would be leaving shortly.

What do 176 freezing RPCVs do to keep warm? They share a series of group hugs all holding different countries' flags. The hugs were a lifesaver for some, I suspect. I bet the Los Angeles County Police, who were one of many police departments from around the nation who were lining Constitution Avenue, were envious, as they looked cold in their new winter uniforms. The Ohio policeman looked like he was doing okay.

At one point a Maine marching band in front of us did some cheers to help keep warm. The cold had even gotten to them. We responded with cheers – it was kind of fun.

Finally around 5 o'clock, I think, it was our division's turn to begin moving along to the start line. Wow, it was so great to see cheering and waving people after standing around so long on basically deserted streets except for us.

Approaching the reviewing stand, I had a great location in our group – third line back and second person in and on the same side as the reviewing stand. I had a great view of all the Obamas and Mr. Biden too.

Despite the empty stands and sidewalks, the parade having started late and it being so cold, the ones who stayed seemed to be especially enthusiastic in their waving, maybe to keep warm? Or to make up for the empty sidewalks and stands? Whichever it was, I was glad they were there and I did my share of waving back at them.

*Suzette Agans*



**Suzette Agans braved the cold and crowds to participate in the Inauguration parade with 175 returning members of the Peace Corps. Many held flags from the countries where they had served.**

## As Volunteers

My wife and I volunteered for the Obama inauguration. We arrived at the Greenbelt Metro on January 20 at 4:15 a.m. to discover that traffic was so heavy the police had diverted the cars into side streets. Rather than being an annoyance, this somehow added to the grandeur of the day.

Despite the cold, everyone was in high spirits. People, figuratively from all walks of life, were literally walking down the road together to celebrate one very special event.

Upon arriving in the city, we made our way to our designated volunteer meeting area. It took three hours for us to get from our meeting area to our final volunteer station. Because of security restrictions, trying to cross Pennsylvania Avenue was an adventure in itself.

Our duty was to assist with preparing the lines of people to go through the security checks into the parade grounds. Although the waits were long and information was difficult to obtain at times, people generally were very understanding. Eventually everyone who waited passed through our gates and we joined the parade watchers.

Everyone listened intently to the swearing-in ceremony via the PA system. People were in a jubilant mood and there was a real sense of accomplishment framed by hope – hope for a presidency based on openness and values, rather than on secrecy and special interests. The inauguration party then had lunch in the Capitol building and was delayed when Senator Ted Kennedy had a seizure.

The parade started several hours after the oath was taken and the wind had become bone-chilling. The crowds braved it, however, as everyone was keen to see the Obamas. When they finally arrived the crowds went wild! This is why they'd gotten up at 3 a.m. Obama was now finally president and the crowds could see him as president with their own eyes. Once the Obamas and Bidens had passed, there was an unfortunate but understandable mass exit from the parade grounds. Still two hours were left of the parade procession but the wind was blowing out the crowd's enthusiasm. Thankfully I did see most of the remaining parade while making my way back to Metro.

There have been numerous reports of inconvenience. While

these are certainly true, there has to be a trade-off between security, flexibility and convenience. People understood that this was a truly massive event and that President Obama's safety was paramount.

To say that Barack Obama's inauguration is historic states the obvious. Obama's inauguration is significant on so many levels.

Being South African (which probably makes me an African American), I have seen how America's standing in the world has slid from being a beacon of light to being perceived as the schoolyard bully. This has not been as apparent, however, within the U.S. Obama's election has recaptured the world's imagination and reignited the beacon of light.

My lasting memory of the inauguration is of an elderly African American military veteran who stood close to me watching the parade. He was probably in his early seventies and smartly dressed in his service uniform. He had braved the cold and the crowds by himself to acknowledge the start of President Obama's administration.

What stories he had to tell, I will never know. What led him to leave the warmth of his home and brave the elements to see the inauguration, I will never know. What I do know is that his presence made the inauguration a much richer experience for me. We were only two out of the estimated two million people. Each of those two million came with their own stories but each came to celebrate a fantastic day in American and world history.

*Brent Flack-Davison*

## We Lived Life As A Crowd

Since I was able to park at my place of work, I did not think I had to get up as early as some other people did and I was right. At 7:30 a.m. I was standing in a line at the New Carrollton Metro Station that circled the parking lot twice; we were allowed down the escalator into the Metro station itself, only when a train was waiting to be filled. Although we stopped at every station along the way into Washington, no one got on and no one got off. The train was just too full.

At the Capitol South Metro Station real chaos took place. We moved as a crowd, shoulder to shoulder, pushed from the rear as we push those ahead of us. Many mistakes took place at this point; as a crowd we moved down a

street only to find it closed off by buses; then down another street to find it also closed off. There just seemed to be no way to get to the mall itself or to find someone to ask about where to go or even just to extricate oneself from the masses of people.

Eventually we found our way to the south side of the Smithsonian Castle, where a guard said that we could climb down three flights of stairs in the Castle and up the stairs again to get to the Mall on the other side. Climbing down three flights of stairs meant actually standing on the stairway for what seemed like ages, neither moving forward nor being able to move back. Complicating our maneuvers were the masses of people lying on the floor and sitting on the stairs of the Smithsonian, possibly thawing out.

Finally we were released into the Mall at precisely 11 a.m. before any of the dignitaries had yet entered the stage on the Capitol steps. There we again experienced what it meant to be part of a large group of people, filled with enthusiasm and good spirits, joyfully and attentively celebrating one momentous occasion – President Obama's swearing-in and his inaugural speech.

Getting home was not easy; again there were large masses of people walking down streets which turned out to be closed off by buses or barbed wire. Again we waited in lines stretching two blocks in each direction outside the Capitol South Metro Station. And again people patiently behaved as if this were an everyday occurrence. We wouldn't have missed a single minute – freezing temperatures and enormous crowds included.

*Donna Hoffmeister*



**Donna Hoffmeister watched the inauguration on the Jumbotron packed into the crowd with the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History in the background.**

## New Deal Café Music Offerings This Week

On Friday, February 6 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the New Deal Café there will be music by Iris Hirsch with the "Retro Rockets," a 50s and 60s rock and roll band that plays all the songs that make people want to dance and sing.

On Saturday, February 7 the Café will host a private party and there will be no free performances.

Sunday, February 8 Jim Stimson plays the lute from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. local favorite "Jack Couldn't Make It" performs.

### Annual Meeting Monday

On Monday, February 9 at 7 p.m. is the Café annual membership meeting.

On Tuesday, February 10 from 7 to 9 p.m., "The Scrub Pines" take the stage. Wednesday, February 11 Steve Haug, the man of a thousand songs, is back from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, February 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be an open microphone session with James.

For more information about all events visit the website at [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com) or call 301-474-5642.

## Presentation for Kids By Puppet Theatre

On Sunday, February 8 at 3 p.m. attend the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre's presentation of "The Three Not-so-little Pigs." Spend time with kids at this free event for ages 3 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Old Parish House is located at 4711 Knox Road in College Park. Registration is suggested for this event as space is limited.

For information call 301-927-3013 or email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org).

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